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Calendar of Events



**November 11 No
School**

**November 12 School
Board Meeting**

**November 18 Educa-
tion Support Profes-
sional Day**

**November 24 WDEA
Rep Council Meeting**

**November 25 Early
Release, Grading Day**

**November 26/27
Thanksgiving Holiday**

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K-3 Override News

As many of you know, our Association took on a leading role in the K-3 Override campaign in our school district this fall. By the time you read this article, the override results will be known. The Political Action Committee (PAC) feels that regardless of the results, our members need to be thanked and congratulated for their efforts in spreading the word about why this override should be renewed. We need to thank all our members who contributed their time and energy to this worthy cause. We had several schools that organized their staff members to come out and help each weekend. These schools should be commended for their efforts! We had many members who volunteered multiple times and we can't thank all who volunteered enough! Throughout the district, we participated in neighborhood walks, phone banks, and passed out literature at many special events such as football games, meetings, school functions, and neighborhood watch meeting. We want to especially thank the leaders from the Washington District Education Association (WDEA) and the leaders from the Glendale Union Education Association (GUEA) for organizing all the different events throughout September, October, and November. Our Governing Board members also contributed to the cause and we are grateful to have those that lead by example!

Due to the enormous cost to run these campaigns, we must thank those who contributed monetary donations either through one time donations or by contributing biweekly through payroll deductions to our political activities. If you are interested in contributing a little each paycheck to our political action committee (PAC), please contact Mindy Whalen for information on payroll deductions.

We hope we are celebrating our victory as of this printing and we thank once again those who helped to make this override election our triumph!

Washington Education Foundation Art Auction

The Washington Education Foundation (WEF) is hosting its inaugural "Creative to the Core" Dollars for Schools Art Show and Auction on Friday, November 6, at 5:00pm at the Sheraton Four Points, 10220 North Metro Parkway. Funds raised will benefit the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) through mini grants the Foundation awards to employees and parents. Artwork from local artists and framed student artwork from each of the thirty-two schools in the District will be on display from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Enjoy the works of art while being serenaded by local musicians. There will be complimentary appetizers and a no-host bar. An auction of artwork by students and local artists will begin at 7:00pm. Come show your support for our students and our district. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Putnam at Lookout Mountain, 602.896.5973

Representative of the Month

Meet October Representative of the Month Troy Wiese!

Troy Wiese has to be commended for all of his help on the K-3 override campaign this fall. This isn't Troy's first participation in the political arena; he is a veteran on many fronts. Troy has helped to elect candidates for the state legislature and school board candidates. It is hard to recruit people on Saturdays to walk neighborhoods and knock on doors, but Troy got teachers to volunteer each week during the five weeks our Association and the Glendale Union Education Association coordinated neighborhood walks. He was able to recruit anywhere from five to eight teachers every time. This is the type of effort that makes our organization so politically powerful. The dedication that Troy shows definitely makes him an ideal candidate for Representative of the Month. Keep up the great work Troy, our students deserve the best and you give it to them in the classroom and beyond!

Thank you for all you do for students and staff Troy!

Submitted by Mike Scantlin, Area Delegate, and PAC Co-Chair

**Want to know more about your benefits? Surf on over to these websites:

WDEA Member Assistance: wdea.net, learn about your Area Delegates and Advocacy Members

AEA Members Only: arizonaaea.org, click on the green membership card for coupons and discounts.

NEA Member Benefits: neamb.com, make sure to register on the site in order to save money.

**We will be hosting a Member Benefits Fair later in the year. Be on the lookout for your "invite only" tickets!

Budget Bill

On September 4, 2009 Governor Brewer signed portions of HB 2011, the Education Budget Reconciliation Bill the Legislature passed on August 20, 2009. Although this is a budget bill, it contains numerous policy changes affecting school personnel that had nothing to do with the state budget. The changes most pertinent to AEA members are addressed in a Q and A resource developed by AEA's legal department.

For more information, please go to <https://az.nea.org/membersonly/HB2011.html>

Member Benefit Spotlight

New Membership Cards

Members should have received new membership cards through the mail recently. Your official membership card not only serves as your Association identification, but also as a valuable savings card offering exclusive discounts at over 200,000 businesses nationwide.

With your membership card, you can save up to 50% on everyday purchases like:

- Fast food and casual dining
- Dry cleaning
- Auto service and repair
- Health and beauty products
- Movie tickets and video rentals
- Hotel rooms
- Vacation packages
- Luxury cruises

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